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SUMMARY: KYOTO GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD APR 7, WITH INCUMBENT GOVERNOR NINAGAWA AND JSP MAVERICK OHASHI AS FOREMOST CANDIDATES. OHASHI RESIGNATION FROM UPPER HOUSE WILL ALSO NECESSITATE BY-ELECTION IN EARLY APRIL TO FILL VACATED SEAT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MAR 13, AUTHORITIES OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT KYOTO GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD APR 7. INCUMBENT TORAZO NINAGAWA, KATAZUKA OHASHI (FORMER CHAIRMAN, JSP KYOTO PREFECTURAL CHAPTER), AND FOUR MINOR CONTENDERS REGISTERED AS CANDIDATES ON SAME DAY.

2. DESPITE PRESSURE FROM JSP SECRETARY GENERAL MASASHI ISHIBASHI AND OSTENSIBLE ENTREATIES TO WITHDRAW BY SABURO EDA, OHASHI HAS DOGGEDLY PERSISTED IN IMPLEMENTING DECISION TO OPPOSE NINAGAWA (REFTEL), EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT EXPULSION  
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FROM JSP. AS RESULT OF DECISIONS CONFIRMED BY INDIVIDUAL

PARTIES IN LAST WEEK, HE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY LDP, DSP, AND DISSIDENT ELEMENTS OF LOCAL JSP CHAPTER. NINAGAWA WILL BE BACKED BY JCP AND JSP. KOMEITO HAS ADOPTED NEUTRAL STANCE AND MEMBERS ARE FREE TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE.

3. OHASHI'S RESIGNATION FROM HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN GUBERNATORIAL RACE NECESSITATES HOLDING OF BY-ELECTION TO FILL VACATED SEAT. BECAUSE BY-ELECTION MUST BE HELD WITHIN 40 DAYS, THAT ELECTION WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY APRIL AND MAY POSSIBLY BE HELD TOGETHER WITH GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. BECAUSE OF OHASHI RESIGNATION, NEW PARTY LINEUP IN HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS IS: LDP (135), JSP (59), KOMEITO (23), DSP (11), JCP (11), NIIN CLUB (4), INDEPENDENTS (2), AND VACANCIES (7) - TOTAL (252).

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OHASHI HAS ACCEPTED LDP SUPPORT, GIVEN HIS PLEDGE TO MAINTAIN ANTI-LDP (AS WELL AS ANTI-NINAGAWA) POSTURE, NATURE AND EXTENT OF LDP BACKING FOR HIS CANDIDACY ARE NOT YET CLEAR. WHILE NINAGAWA IS STILL FAVORED, ELECTION CONTEST, HOWEVER, TAKES ON ADDED INTEREST BECAUSE OF THIS UNIQUE MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE BETWEEN LDP AND JSP MAVERICK, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS RUMORED THAT EDA HAS, IN FACT, ENCOURAGED OHASHI BEHIND SCENES.  
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